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Applicant(s): Kazumi SUGA

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AND STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments set forth herein prior to the consideration of this case on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.